

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 6 October 1953

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Richard C. Partridge, Assistant Chief of
Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Charles H. Reichardt, Atomic Energy Commission
Representative to the IAC
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Lt. General Charles P. Cabell, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. H. D. Sheldon, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Otto E. Guthe, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. James Q. Reber, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Ludwell L. Montague, Central Intelligence Agency

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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. Allan Evans, Department of State
Brigadier General John M. Willems, Department of the Army
Lt. Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army
Dr. Samuel McKee, Department of the Army
Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy
Captain K. C. Hurd, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Donald H. Ainsworth, United States Air Force
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force
Colonel Robert Totten, United States Air Force
Colonel Charles F. Gillis, United States Air Force
Colonel George E. Perry, United States Air Force
Captain E. T. Layton, USN, The Joint Staff
Colonel Samuel M. Lansing, The Joint Staff

Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The Minutes of 29 September 1953 (IAC-M-123) were approved.

IAC Policy on Approval
of Appendices to NIEs

2. Action: The IAC (a) rescinded its action of 4 September 1952 relating to appendices (IAC-M-81 Revised, Item 2); (b) instructed the Board and the IAC representatives to hold the use of appendices and their length to a minimum consistent with the adequate presentation of estimates; and (c) agreed to act upon such appendices as are found to be necessary in the same manner as upon any other part of the estimate. The Board was further instructed to insure the earliest practicable notice to the IAC agencies whenever the scope of the intelligence requirement, particularly if levied by the NSC, indicated a need for appendices.

Watch Committee
Indications Center

3. Action: Agreed to form a special committee to conduct a thorough and prompt review of the watch process and prepare recommendations for the IAC and, ultimately, the NSC. The committee will consider as an initial step a paper to be prepared and circulated by CIA and thereafter such other papers, including the subject proposal tabled by General Willems, as the agencies submit. The agencies are to nominate a highly placed officer to Mr. Huntington Sheldon, CIA/OCI, who will call the first meeting, at which time the committee will select a chairman and adopt its procedures.

4. Discussion: The DCI stated that he felt that the existing Watch Committee was a great improvement over the situation prior to its creation, but that developments over the past years (including the atomic progress of the USSR, the increasing problem of continental defense, and the concurrent growth in importance of economic and political factors) made it desirable to reexamine the scope and limitations of the watch process, how that process can best function,

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and what major problems are involved. It was the sense of the meeting that such a reexamination was desirable.

General Samford said that the watching process is a most difficult matter, and he was doubtful that we had even accurately defined the problem. It seemed to him, he said, that since the watching process inevitably transcends the ability of any one agency or of the military services, the broad leadership of the DCI was required. General Porter agreed that the leadership of CIA was needed in this important intelligence function. Mr. Dulles stated that he had no preconceived notions regarding the outcome of the special committee but felt that General Samford's remarks should be fully considered, along with other ideas, by that committee.

With respect to graphical or mathematical processing of indications, it was believed that these should be explored, but the danger of stressing such methods to the exclusion of analytical appraisal of the indicators and their implications was pointed out.

General Cabell emphasized that a distinction must be preserved between the process of watching and the process of estimating, and that, to assure that this distinction is maintained, clear terms-of-reference and procedures must be provided the watch mechanism.

First Annual Progress
Report of the IWG

5. Action: Noted.

Program of NIEs for 1953
(1 October Quarterly Revision)



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Proposed NIE on Effects
of the Coming of an Era
of Atomic Plenty

7. Action: Approved in principle, and agreed that the memorandum circulated by Mr. Armstrong would be used by the Board of National Estimates in developing terms-of-reference for IAC consideration at its meeting on 20 October.

Matters for NSC Briefing

8. Discussion: The Director requested the agencies to provide him with any information on British Guiana available prior to the Wednesday meeting of the Council.

Secretary's Note:

1. All agencies having concurred in IAC-D-71, 3 September 1953 ("Proposed DCID No. 7/1") the DCI issued this Directive 1 October 1953.

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Mr. R. M. Scammon, Department of State
* Mr. Joseph Yager, Department of State
Colonel W. H. Hennig, Department of the Army
Lt. Colonel C. P. Sirles, Department of the Army
* Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy
** Colonel Robert Totten, United States Air Force
Lt. Colonel Arthur L. Cushing, United States Air Force
Lt. Colonel J. Z. Mims, United States Air Force
Colonel Samuel M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Captain E. T. Layton, USN, The Joint Staff
* Captain P. C. Staley, USN, The Joint State

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** Acted for acting member.

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The Minutes of 6 October 1953 (IAC-M-124) were approved.

Capabilities and Probable
Courses of Action of the
ROK with Respect to
an Armistice

2. Action: Approved as amended.

First Annual Progress
Report of the SEC
(IAC-D-74)

3. Action: Noted, and agreed to delete the last two sentences of paragraph V.A. (The Secretary will disseminate a revised page 4).

4. Discussion: General Porter questioned that it would in every instance be desirable to submit the scientific and technical contributions to national intelligence to the SEC prior to submission to ONE. He feared that this might restrict the agencies' access to ONE. It was pointed out that the SEC's intended objective was to improve the mechanism for implementing the direction (in paragraph 2c of DCID-3/4) that the SEC "integrate scientific and technical intelligence, as and when required, for the production of national intelligence," and synthesize departmental intelligence. It was the sense of the meeting that it was desirable to maintain flexibility in the developing procedures of the SEC.

Consideration of Release
of Intelligence Statements
on Atomic Activities
(IAC-D-45/51)

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Situation in Trieste

6. Action: Agreed that the Department of State would prepare an initial draft of terms of reference for an estimate on Tito's probable courses of action in the event of a turnover [redacted] for consideration of the Board and IAC representatives.

7. Discussion: Mr. Dulles stated that he had just briefed the NSC on the short-range situation in Trieste. Several members commented on the explosive nature of the situation and the necessity of maintaining a close watch.

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*** Lt. Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army

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Colonel John J. Hussey, Jr., The Joint Staff

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The Minutes of 13 October 1953 (IAC-M-125) were approved.



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Estimate of the
World Situation

(NIE-99)

3. Action: Approved as amended.

4. Discussion: The Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff, observed that an estimate of this type, drawing as it must on various existing estimates, and attempting in some instances to paraphrase them, ran the risk of changing or appearing to change the conclusions of those estimates. He felt that it was a disservice to the planners to have two sets of views current and that the difficulty of avoiding that situation might make it preferable not to produce National Estimates of this type. It was pointed out that ONE had earlier produced several uncoordinated estimates of the world situation, and that IAC coordination had been undertaken in this case at the request of the IAC agencies. Several members commented on the progress achieved by thus compelling a review of extant estimates and changing conclusions as warranted. It was recognized that changed conclusions should be based on new information or evaluation and not develop merely because of faulty paraphrasing of underlying estimates.

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deletion*

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Proposed amendment to minutes of IAC meeting of 20 October 1953 (IAC-M-126)

In paragraph 4:

1. After the second sentence, insert the following new sentences:

" It was recognized that any broad estimate of this sort necessarily involves summary treatment of topics treated at greater length in previous estimates, and that such summaries may not give the full flavor of the lengthier discussion. It was generally agreed, however, that the present estimate fairly reflected the substance of earlier estimates; and the amendments adopted at the meeting made no changes in this respect."

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It was recognized that There was
nothing sacrosanct about an estimate
even tho it had received IAC approval
~~was~~ only a week or two back; that
estimates ~~was~~ should in fact
be changed ^{with the appearance of} ~~as new~~ new evidence
^{with}
~~appeared~~ or ~~as~~ reassessments of
the old evidence; that estimates
were not inadvertently changed by
faulty paraphrasing of a previously
cleared text.

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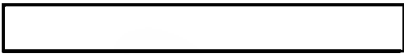
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Approval of Minutes
(IAC-M-126, 20 October)

1. Action: Approved, subject to the deletion of the last sentence in item 4.



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4. Action: Directed that the estimate be undertaken, using the drafted terms of reference as broad and flexible guide lines.

Deferment of Estimate
on Trieste (Board
memo of 28 October)

5. Action: Agreed not to proceed with an estimate at this time, lacking knowledge of possible alternative courses of action, and recognized the possibility of a future request for a crash estimate.

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